Transportation of LNG from Foreign Countries

4226. SHRI YADALAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) how transportation of LNG from foreign countries to India are made;

(b) whether Indian shipping companies are preferred for this purpose; and

(c) if not, the measures proposed for Indian Shipping participation for transportation of LNG to save foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) Transportation of LNG is through specialized cryogenic tankers However, as on date. LNG is not being transported to India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Supply of CNG

4227. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made arrangements to install and operate a mumber of CNG stations for vehicles all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that GAIL has not been able to come up to expectations in supply of CNG in major cities in the country;

(c) the number of CNG outlets in Delhi, as on date;

(d) whether it is a fact that even these outlets are only partially functional at any given time;

(e) whether a rational assessment will be made of the present capacity of GAIL to meet the demand of CNG; and

(f) the steps proposed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) Yes Sir. 56 CNG stations have been commissioned so far to make CNG available for motor vehicles in the cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Vadodara, Surat and Ankleshwar.

(b), (e) and (f) No, Sir. CNG supply facilities can be set up only in cities wherepipeline supply of natural gas is available and techno-economic feasibility established

(c)There are 30 CNG outlets in operation in Delhi as on date.

(d)CNG supplies in outlets are affected in case of power

interruption.

Waiting List for LPG Connection in Andhra Pradesh

4228. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD :

SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a)the number of applications pending for sanction of LPG connections in respect of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b)when would they be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) the waiting list registered with LPG distributors of the PSU Oil Companies as on 1-4-2000 in the state of Andhra Pradesh is about 4.50 lakhs.

(b) new LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending on the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability . However, the government has a plan to release around 1 crore LPG connections during the year 2000 to clear all waiting list registered with the distributors of PSU Oil Companies as on 1-12-1999.

Gas Supply from Bangladesh

4229. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a)whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has discovered vast sources of gas and are reluctant to sell their gas to India for various reasons, and

(b)if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) The Govt, of Bangladesh has not yet exported gas to any country'.